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SAVANNAH, Ga. - The No. 8-ranked GCSU baseball squad swept a Peach Belt Conference doubleheader from host Armstrong Atlantic on Saturday to wrap up the 2010 regular season for both teams. The Bobcats won game one, 19-1, and took game two, 5-0.

AASU wraps up the 2010 season with a 27-23 overall mark and a 7-17 mark in the PBC, while the regular-season champion Bobcats improve to 35-14 overall and 19-5 in the PBC.

Game one was a close affair as the Bobcats led by just two, 3-1, heading into the top of the seventh inning. But the PBC's top-hitting team exploded for 15 hits and 16 runs over the final three innings to turn the game into a 19-1 rout.

First baseman Matt Pitts did most of the damage late for GCSU, clubbing a pair of home runs and driving in five, while Chandler Snell had a 4-for-4 game and both Paul Bordon and Shawn Ward drove in three runs apiece.

AASU's lone run came from senior **Josh Wilson**, who clubbed a first-inning home run. Wilson added a single in the third inning to bring his PBC career-leading hit total to 313, which ranks him ninth all-time in NCAA Division II history.

Chris Base (1-7) took the loss for the Pirates, giving up four hits and three runs in six innings pitched, walking three and striking out two. Jason Nicholas (5-2) got the win for GCSU, giving up just two hits and one run in six innings, walking five and striking out two. Brendon Malkowski hurled three innings of one-hit shutout ball, walking one and striking out four to pick up his first save of the year.

In game two, GCSU ace Martin Dewald hurled a four-hit complete-game shutout, striking out 13, to improve to 9-9 on the season in the 5-0 victory for the Bobcats. GCSU scored twice in the fourth inning on a Matt Pitts single, pair of steals and an error that allowed him to score, then Richard Pirkle scored on a groundout. Kyle Allen added an RBI single in the seventh, then Pitts added a home run - his third of the day - in a two-run eighth inning to cap the GCSU scoring.

Senior Bryan Roby (2-5) took the loss for the Pirates in game two, giving up six hits and three runs - two earned - in 6 1/3 innings pitched, walking three and striking out one.

AASU said goodbye to seven seniors who played their final games as Pirates on Saturday - Wilson, Roby, lefthanded pitcher Ryan Smith, second baseman Carlos Cardoza-Oquendo, righthanded pitcher and Friday's winner Thomas Gray, righthanded pitcher Brandon McCreery and outfielder Alex Wyche.



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